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JUDGE PARKER'S TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH.

The speech delivered in Charleston last Friday night by Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, late democratic candidate for President, is attracting no little attention throughout the country. He not only lavished praise on the South, commending its marvelous industrial development and the conservatism and wisdom of its statesmen, but even went so far as to express the opinion that the next Democratic nominee for President should be a Southern man. Judge Parker is not given to flattery and it may be taken for granted, therefore, that his utterances in this instance were sincere.

In the course of his remarks Judge Parker said:

"It is more than two score years since the war closed and your people find themselves upon the threshold in what promises to be the most remarkable business development the world has ever known within the same time and space. Some of your men have gone forth to command the highest success, in the most honorable way, in the greatest financial and commercial movements of the time; others have become the managers of great railway interests; you have developed great manufacturing enterprises, and most difficult of all, your people, as a whole, have so maintained and increased their own position and the dominance of the country in one of the greatest products of the soil as to make them the wonder and the admiration of the world.

"In spite of your devotion to principle and consistency, in the face of a numerical importance that was preponderant, in politics only have you stepped aside. From the earliest days since self-government was restored you have sent your best men into public life. They have been at once modest, able, devoted, patriotic and honest. No jail or penitentiary has opened its hospitable doors to admit your Senators, Representatives or Governors, nor have the officers of the law, from detectives to attorneys-general, been compelled to hale them into the criminal courts. In the face of this record you have not only permitted us of the North to present to you candidates for President and Vice-President, but you have insisted upon our doing so and have then voted

for them, and that, too, when some times no other States did so."

Speaking directly as to the time being opportune for the selection of a Southerner as national party leader, Judge Parker made the following significant statement:

"The time has come when the really effective Democrats of the country should be recognized and when they themselves should no longer hesitate, decline or refuse to seek or to accept these honors which are their just due for work well done. It may possibly be that the party will go to defeat again, but since 1896 it has done nothing else under Northern leadership and certainly it cannot do worse.

"I believe firmly that it will do better because it will at once eliminate the factions which are inevitable, so long as their leaders feel that they have only to capture a few State organizations in the North, nominate their candidate and then depend upon the South to support and elect him if possible. And certainly no faction can refuse to support a worthy Southern candidate in the light of the loyalty of the South to every party candidate."

The South generally will appreciate the compliment paid this section and its people by the distinguished New Yorker, but we have no idea that his advice will be taken by the next national democratic convention, or that a Southerner could be elected President even if he should get the nomination. The South, it is true, has good presidential timber—just as good as that to be found in any other part of the Union—but politics is a practical thing, if "thing" it may be called, and upon its practicalness depends its success. Sentiment is allowed to cut no figure, and even justice and merit are sometimes ignored in striving after success by a political party. The leaders of the democratic party know that the South is always "solid," anyway, in a presidential election, and that there is no necessity therefore to nominate a man from this section in order to carry the vote of the South.—New York, with its large electoral vote, will no doubt again furnish the democratic candidate for President in 1908.

Volcanic Eruptions Destroy Several Towns.

Honolulu, March 25.—The officers of the steamer Sierra, which has arrived here from Sydney, N. S. W., via Samoa, report that the eruption of the volcano on the island of Savail of the Samoan group continues on a large scale. Three villages have been completely destroyed, including Malacola, where was located the finest cocoa plantation on the island. The residences of A King and G. Barleley have been reduced to ruins and are a total loss. The lava from the volcano is flowing into the ocean in a stream three-quarters of a mile wide and 20 feet deep, at the rate of 20 feet an hour.

At night a solid wall of molten lava, five miles long, can be seen reaching far out into the sea.

While in Rock Hill last Friday afternoon, Judge Alton B. Parker made an address to the students of Winthrop College,

Senator Tillman too Busy to Attend a Dispensary Convention.

Washington cor. The Columbia State:

Senator Tillman says that he knows nothing of any plans to hold a convention of the friends of the dispensary. "I have scarcely had time to give such a thing a thought," he said today.

"But," he added, "you can say this, that when the time comes and the fight is on, I expect to be in it, whether it begins before the opening of the campaign or after."

"Do you expect anything to be done before the opening of the regular campaign?"

"Well, I say, I don't know. To hold a convention or to organize, as they call it, would take a lot of conferring and a lot of correspondence, and so far as I am concerned, I haven't the time to do it. I wouldn't even have time to attend that convention or conference, or anything else, so long as I am 'swamped' this way."

Then he turned to a pile of papers on his desk, called a clerk, and added: "Why, man, I feel like a fellow down in a deep well. I can't begin to see daylight. All I can see is a little gleam of light which will get bigger and bigger as I climb out of this well. But you know when a fellow's down in such a hole as this, the sky looks about the size of a dollar and he can't see even the sides of the hole he is in. How in the name of sense can I see outside to organize dispensary forces or anything else at home?"

"Oh, yes, I'm watching it," he concluded.

Lancaster's Treatment of Dispensary Violators.

The Columbia State.

The Lancaster juries and Judge Klugh are settling the blind tiger problem in the way it should be settled. There is no reason why any set of men should be permitted to hold the law in contempt. When they do it is the fault of the machinery of the law—the officers whose duty it is to apprehend criminals, the juries or the judge. If a jury convicts and the judge inflicts only nominal punishment, then the judge is responsible for the encouragement of crime and for indifference of juries. A long offending illicit liquor dealer in Lancaster was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or spend a year in jail; while another white man, on his first offence, was sentenced to three months imprisonment or \$100 fine. That brand of justice is the kind to gain respect for the law, for that class of lawbreakers respect nothing they do not fear. If the Lancaster example is followed tigers will become scarce.

Comptroller General Jones is in receipt of an official report from Chesterfield to the effect that a woman has been convicted of arson in that county under the operation of the insurance laws against incendiary fires.—The State.

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We have just opened up one of the nicest and most complete lines of Staple and Fancy Groceries ever shown in Lancaster and are now ready for business. Our line consists of everything generally kept in an up to date grocery store. It shall be our aim to sell the best of everything at reasonable prices. So when you want anything in Groceries, come to see us or call 'Phone No. 105. All phone orders will receive prompt attention. We make a specialty of fine Cigars and Tobaccos. When you want to smoke stop in our store and get something nice.

Yours for business,

B. M. Welsh & Co.

P. S.—Get our prices on FLOUR before you buy. Two car loads just received.

TWO FARMERS MEET AGAIN

Hello, Hustler! Oh, I am all right.

How is everything? My family is well, I am well—in fact everything is in good order, and the country more prosperous than I ever experienced before. I think we are going to have a good crop, and if we do there will be some money made and a good portion of it profit. Prices are looking upward and I see no reason why they shouldn't hold.

Say, did you hear Harvy Jordan's talk?

Yes, and if it is like he says it is, we will have the bank people counting a few of our 10, 20 and 100 dollar bills this fall. Well, I am going to plant corn enough to feed my hogs, horses and myself and hold my cotton until the price comes to my figures. I raised my meat this year and I won't have much to buy outside of what I have already bought. I have a good supply of Flour and it's sure fine. I bought from Edwards.

What is the name of it? Magnolia—\$2.30 sack.

Well, I better go and buy me a load before it advances. He handles everything that you need on the farm, Sugar, Coffee, Flour, all kinds Groceries, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, all kinds of Notions, Harness, Whips, etc. When you go to town always call and see him. Leave your whips, laprobes, and all your bundles in his care. It always gives him pleasure to take care of them for you. Without a doubt he's a farmer's friend.

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